

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MSCA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK (NOV 5-7) WITH PRE-CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 4. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

The staff of the Guidance and Placement Section (Bragg, Kyle and John) will be available to talk with you during the conference. Please look us up and get one or more of the free posters that we will be giving away.

MSCA CONFERENCE NOTE:

It had been hoped that counselors attending the conference would be able to access the internet or their e-mail through the availability of computers in an "internet café". Unfortunately, it was not possible to resolve all logistical issues in time to have it available this year.

However, there will be internet "hotspots" in the exhibit hall and in the main lobby for those who want to bring their own wi-fi wired laptop.

DIGEST TO RESUME SCHEDULE

The Digest will resume its regular schedule on 17 November. Thanks to all of you for your patience during the last two months. It has been a pleasure to meet and speak with so many of you during our workshops around the state.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

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{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. SOMETHING FOR YOUR STUDENTS TO CONSIDER?

An article in the Christian Science Monitor discusses the resurgence in Career-Technical education as employers increasingly demand certain skills from those seeking employment. To read the article, go to <http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/1012/p01s03-usec.html>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

A. WORKSHOP ON HIGH TECH DANGERS AVAILABLE

The workshop, *Protecting Kids Against High Tech Danger* covers topics such as social networks (e.g., Myspace.com), sexual predators, threats to privacy such as online diaries/blogs, cyber bullying and hate, inappropriate web sites and other materials, inappropriate use of gadgets such as cell phones, mp3 players, game appliances, and electronic communication such as e-mail, instant messaging, chatrooms and bulletin boards. Visit <http://www.schoolcounselor.com/safety> for more details.

B. A COMMUNITY-SIZED SOLUTION TO THE DROPOUT EPIDEMIC

Dropping out of high school is motivated by a variety of factors and many of them have little to do with school or homework. The only way at-risk youth will remain in school and earn their diploma is if their communities make a concerted effort to help them. Learning to Finish is a new campaign launched by the Pew Partnership for Civic Change that seeks to address the dropout problem in communities ready to meet this challenge as a community-wide concern. The Pew Partnership for Civic Change has also published a dropout discussion guide titled "Learning to Finish: The School Dropout Crisis." Here the case is made for a community-wide approach to solving the dropout problem and the five elements that should serve as the core of any community-wide dropout effort.

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According to Dr. Suzanne Morse, "For the one million or so kids who drop out each year, the prospects are dire. For the communities in which they live, the dropout rate is very bad news indeed. Each year, the toll of lost wages, taxes, and productivity that can be attributed to dropouts comes to more than \$200 billion for the nation as whole. That does not take into account the fact that more than two-thirds of the inmates in state prisons are school dropouts or that it is a turnkey issue for poverty, poorer health, and more limited prospects for the children of dropouts. It is a vicious cycle that must be broken." <http://www.pew-partnership.org/whatsnew.html>

C. RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN OF DEPLOYING PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Resources for children experiencing deployment cycle are available at:

<http://www.moguard.com/FamilyReadiness/default.asp?Page=71>

FYI - There are some downloadable booklets that are colorful on the above site. The booklet for the 8-10 year olds is an excellent journal entitled "Travel Journal".

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CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE AT TAN TAR A NOV 5-7, 2006 WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON NOV 4.

For a conference preview go to

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConfPrev%200728.pdf> . To download a registration form, go to:

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2006%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

B. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE, NOV 12-14, 2006 AT TAN TAR A.

For current information go to:

<http://missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference06.html>

C. PLEASE SEND TO TECHNOLOGY TEACHERS OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ---

64th Four State Regional Technology Conference

November 16-17, 2006 at Kansas Technology Center, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 66762

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D. 2006 ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) CONVENTION AND CAREER TECH EXPO, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2006 at Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

For information and registration information, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/index.cfm>